



CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Thursday September 15th, 2022 - 5:00PM

The Carbondale Civic Center – Room 103
200 S. Illinois Avenue, Carbondale IL

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (5:20pm)

Voting Members:

	Present	Absent	Comment
Aur Beck (Chair)	x		
Jane Cogie	x		
Kevin Clark		x	
Sarah Heyer	x		
Yoonseo Jung (Student)		x	
Vacant (Student)			
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Ex Officio Members:

	Present	Absent
Tom Grant (City Councilmember)	x	

City Staff:

	Present	Absent
Lauren Becker (Staff Liaison)	x	

Community Members Present: Treesong, Isaac Ludington

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** August 18th 2022 (J. Cogie moves to approve, S. Heyer seconds, Chair Beck assures unanimous consent)
3. **Citizen Comments and Questions** (None)
4. **Presentations:**
 - a. August 18th Commission Identity Exercise Results (attached) - Lauren Becker, Staff Liaison
Commission discusses the results of August 18th Commission Identity Exercise:
 - T. Grant brings up that the commission is moving into a time of action by city staff. The Sustainability Action Plan will need to be constantly improved upon.
 - Chair Beck brings up the need to monitor the action that's happening.
 - T. Grant recommends that the Sustainability Commission looks at the City Budget to evaluate how funds are being spent.
 - L. Becker recommends using the monthly Sustainability Coordinator Report of Progress as a way to hold the Sustainability Coordinator accountable.
 - Chair Beck recommends an annual report on the percent of municipal energy use that is renewable.

J. Cogie recommends prioritizing equity and natural solutions in the implementation of the Sustainability Action Plan by city staff.
T. Grant provides background/history regarding regional composting and waste management.
Chair Beck shares that he “really likes seeing how diverse” member gifts and talents are.

b. Exploring Opportunities to Advise City Council – Lauren Becker, Staff Liaison

i. Avenue 1: Formal Letters

Commission expresses positive perspectives regarding using formal letters as a means to advise City Council.

L. Becker provides further information – all formal communication from the Sustainability Commission will need to go through the City Public Relations Officer or City Manager.

5. Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications

a. Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (attached)

b. Federal, State, and Local Policy Landscape Report (J. Cogie)

Chair Beck shares we’re celebrating one year of CEJA (The Climate and Equitable Jobs Act) J. Cogie shares a great deal has happened and a great deal is still murky. The Energy Transition Community Grant Program has put out a request for information (RFI) It’s important for us to share information widely and broadly in our networks. CEJA can be overwhelming because a lot is still unclear. But, educational events can help provide avenues for local input. We are coordinating a CEJA educational event in the upcoming month.

c. Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Report

J. Cogie shares that Glade Creek was redirected by the EPA to avoid carrying contaminated sediment downstream to our residents.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

- a. Vote to approve draft letter commending historic collaboration and anticipated future collaboration between the Sustainability Commission and SIU Sustainability Office to Chancellor Austin Lane Ph.D. (attached) (S. Heyer moves to amend the current draft letter to correct the date included, removed the term “yet again”, and correct the spelling of Isaac Ludington’s name. J. Cogie seconds. All in favor via voice vote. The motion carries. S. Heyer moves to approve the letter to be send to Chancellor Austin Lane Ph.D. J. Cogie seconds. All in favor via voice vote.)

8. Announcements

- a. 2022 Illinois Solar Tour *in Carbondale* – Register to reserve your seat on the tour [here!](#)
b. Route 13 Cleanup from Murphysboro to Harrisburg Saturday, September 17th
c. New Keep Carbondale Beautiful Director has been hired, her name is Vicki Short

9. Adjournment (6:05pm Chair Beck entertains a motion to adjourn, S. Heyer moves, J. Cogie seconds)